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TAGS: CDES (HALL, HOWARD THOMAS)

SUBJECT: DEATH OF USCIT HOWARD THOMAS HALL

FOR MRS DOROTHY WILLIAMS

159 LOVE MEADOW DR.

LOS GATOS, CALIF.

(TEL. UNKNOWN)

1. IT IS WITH PROFOUND REGRET THAT I MUST INFORM YOU OF THE DEATH OF YOUR COUSIN, HOWARD THOMAS HALL. THE MANAGER OF HOTEL TIOGA IN PUNTARENAS INFORMED THE AMERICAN EMBASSY AT SAN JOSE ON DECEMBER 7 OF HIS DEATH OF APPARENT HEART ATTACK ON DECEMBER 7 IN SAID HOTEL.

2. YOUR COUSIN HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED BY HIS PASSPORT.

3. THE EMBASSY WILL TAKE CHARGE OF HIS PERSONAL EFFECTS AND WILL WRITE TO YOU CONCERNING THEIR DISPOSITION.

4. REGRETFULLY, I MUST DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE NEED

TO MAKE URGENT ARRANGEMENTS. LOCAL LAW REQUIRES LOCAL BURIAL OR THAT ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE FOR SHIPMENT WITHIN 48 TO 72 HOURS AFTER DEATH. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER OR NOT YOU WISH TO HAVE YOUR COUSIN'S REMAINS RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES. IF SO, PREPARATION AND AIR SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO LOS ANGELES WOULD COST \$1700.00. IF LOCAL
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BURIAL IS DESIRED, THE COST IS \$450. ALL OF THESE

COSTS ARE APPROXIMATE.

5. AFTER YOU HAVE MADE YOUR DECISION, PLEASE TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

(A) TELEGRAPH INSTRUCTIONS PROMPTLY AND DIRECTLY TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA, AND INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE DECEASED IN YOUR MESSAGE. STATE WHETHER REQUIRED FUNDS ARE BEING TELEGRAPHED AND BY WHAT MEANS. INCLUDE NAME AND ADDRESS MJ U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT IF SHIPMENT DESIRED.

(;) TELEGRAPH REQUIRED FUNDS SEPARATELY AND PROMPTLY THROUGH BANK OF AMERICA NEAREST YOU TO BANK OF AMERICA SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA, PAYABLE TO AMERICAN EMBASSY AT SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA.

(C) IF YOU ARE HAVING THE REMAINS SHIPPED TO THE U.S. YOU MAY WISH TO HAVE THE U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT MAKE THESE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOU.

6. UPON RECEIPT OF THE REQUIRED FUNDS YOUR INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS PROMPTLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. WE ESTIMATE APPROXIMATELY TWO DAYS WILL BE REQUIRED FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF FUNDS TO CARRY OUT YOUR INSTRUCTIONS IF REMAINS ARE TO BE SHIPPED. UPON COMPLETION OF ALL FORMALITIES, A FOREIGN SERVICE REPORT OF DEATH PREPARED BY THIS OFFICE WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU.

7. IF NECESSARY, YOU MAY CONTACT THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THIS POST BY PHONING 22-55-66 EXT. 262. IN SAN JOSE.

8. BE ASSURED OF MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT.

AMERICAN EMBASSY
SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA
TODMAN

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